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SUBJECT: ANGOLA - FOUR PRESIDENTS MISSION TO ANGOLA AND PORTUGAL

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1. REGARDING PARA 5 RETEL, BOTSWANA WAS NOT REPRESENTED ON
REUBEN KAMANGA MISSION TO ANGOLA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MPLA,
ACCORDING TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY TIBONE.
ZAMBIA WAS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT GOB POINT OF VIEW.

2. BOTSWANA DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY SUPPORT TO
MPLA AND FEEL THAT NETO IS SIMPLY BEING USED BY SOVIETS. IN
GOB VIEW PRESENT COURSE OF EVENTS IN NOT IN ANGOLA'S OR AFRICA'S
LOCG-TERM INTEREST. GOB UNDERSTOOD THAT KAMANGA WAS SUPPOSED
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TO TRY TO PERSUADE NZTO TO DISENGAGE FROM SOVIETS AND WORK FOR GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY AS AGREEDNAT LUSAKA SUMMIT.

3. IT APPEARS TO US THAT A SPLIT WAS DEVELOPED AMONG THE FOUR PRESIDENTS ON ANGOLAN ISSUE WITH NYERERE AND MACHEL SUPPORTING MPLA. SAME SITUATION MAY WELL DEVELOP IN RHODESIA PARTICULARLY IF ZAMBIAN BASED FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND LOCAL ANC POLITICAL LEADERS TRANSFERRED TO MOZAMBIQUE AS REPORTED GABORONE'S 1238.
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